

Craig Knippenberg, LCSW, M.Div.

Craig earned a master's degree in Clinical Social Work from the University of Denver and a Master of Divinity, focusing on pastoral counseling, from the Iliff School of Theology. A licensed social worker, Craig developed the *CONNECT* group model and has supervised the program for the past thirty-six years. He counsels individuals and families, and has particular expertise with children and adolescents; he is a consultant for St. Anne's Episcopal School. Craig has served as a keynote speaker and lectures nationwide on social/emotional growth and brain development. He has written for numerous professional publications and the news media, and has also added his work on exceptional students and child development to multiple books. Craig is a community leader and former member on the Board of Directors at Denver Academy, one of the nation's largest schools for children with differentiated learning needs. Craig sits on the Board of Trustees for Creative Adoptions and is former president of the Attention Deficit Disorder Advocacy Group. Craig founded AdventureDad.org, a website dedicated to helping dads connect with their kids through adventure.

Lisa Patterson, MA, LPC

In addition to her work as an individual and family therapist, Lisa had a twenty-seven-year career as an elementary school teacher in the Jefferson County School District. A licensed professional counselor, she has worked with Craig Knippenberg for the past twenty-four years facilitating groups in the *CONNECT* group model and training other professionals. Lisa earned a master's degree from the University of Colorado in Counseling Psychology, with an emphasis on marriage and family therapy. She has extensive experience counseling children, adolescents and adults. Her dual and complimentary careers as a teacher and a therapist have given her special insight as a consultant into the pressures and expectations that her young clients and their parents face, as well as credibility with their teachers, school social workers and administrators. Lisa also lectures to groups on communication and family relationships. She is a former member of the Board of Directors for Smart-Girl, a nonprofit program designed to empower middle-school girls, and is serving on the Board of Directors for Denver Academy.

Jim Langley, PsyD

Dr. Jim Langley is a licensed clinical psychologist, and received his master's and doctorate degrees in Clinical Psychology from the University of Denver. As a full-time therapist at Knippenberg, Patterson, Langley & Associates, Jim works with families to restore a sense of love, dignity, and effective communication to relationships. As Director of Psychological and Autism Spectrum Disorder Testing, he provides comprehensive assessment to both children and adults. Jim has specialized training in working with parents and their children struggling with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity disorder and other behavioral issues. His passion is to empower others to live full lives by developing their strengths to meet life's challenges. Jim is a father of four boys and understands the challenges of creating a joyful family!

36 Years of Proven Results

CONNECT is a research based socialization group model. The Piers-Harris Children's Self-Concept Scale was used to evaluate *CONNECT* socialization groups and yielded positive results including:

- Feelings of positive self-concept
- Favorable self-appraisal
- Positive feelings about behavior and conduct
- Lower levels of anxiety and negative emotion
- Greater feelings of popularity
- Higher social functioning

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CONNECT Child & Adolescent Socialization Groups

School Year 2017-18

A Program for Social, Emotional
and Self-Esteem Development



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General Information

Our *CONNECT* socialization groups are designed to help children and teens improve social skills in the following areas:

- Getting along with others
- Making friends and keeping them
- Handling and expressing frustration
- Improving self-esteem and self confidence
- Learning cooperation
- Practicing problem-solving and conflict-resolution
- Handling teasing and bullying

In the *CONNECT* model, participants learn to interact with peers and adults in a goal-directed, engaging and fun environment. Group discussion, practice and mastery of real-life situations, and other structured activities, illustrate concepts such as cooperation, sharing, teamwork, understanding nonverbal communication and the awareness of one's own and other's feelings. The socialization groups are designed for children who:

- Act out or withdraw in social situations
- Have a poor self-image
- Know what to do but have trouble doing it (a performance-based deficit like ADHD)
- Struggle in social settings (a knowledge-based deficit, such as nonverbal learning disorder and/or autism spectrum disorders)

Screenings will be conducted September through October to determine whether individual children will benefit from the program. There will be no charge for this session or for two additional feedback sessions offered to parents during the course of the group.

Scheduling, Fees and Leaders

Group Schedule

All groups meet from the week of October 15th through the week of May 13th. Call for the exact dates of each group. Group size is limited to 8–11 children. Grade distinctions are approximate, depending on the individual child and his/her screening results.

Group Fees

1 hour session: \$57.00 per session
1.5 hour session: \$85.00 per session

A deposit equal to the cost of the first group is required following the initial screening in order to secure enrollment. The deposit is credited toward the first session and is non-refundable if participation is cancelled after the start of the group.

Group Leaders

Lisa Patterson, MA, LPC
Jim Langley, PsyD
Michelle De Nooy, LCSW
Julie Miller, MA, LMFTC
Rachel Moses, MA, LPC
Angie Rothkamp, MA, LPC
Cindy Souser, MA, LMFT
Mike Villarreal, MA, LPC

Call early **(303.756.4924, ext. 6)** to be added to the screening list. Please indicate the location and group number in which you are interested.

To learn about our practice and programs, download relevant registration forms, and/or e-mail us, please visit our website.
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School Year Groups

Group Location #1: South Central Denver
Grace United Methodist Church, 2650 S. Eudora St.
Denver, CO 80222

Leaders

1.	Mon:	Grades 1,2,3	4:15 - 5:45pm	(Cindy)
2.	*Mon:	PreK/KG	4:15 - 5:15pm	(Rachel)
3.	*Mon:	PreK/KG	5:15 - 6:15pm	(Rachel)
4.	*Mon:	Boys ages 14-17	4:30 - 6:00pm	(Jim)
5.	*Mon:	Young Adults	6:30 - 8:00pm	(Michelle)
6.	Tues:	Grades 4,5,6	4:15 - 5:45pm	(Angie)
7.	Tues:	Boys ages 12-14	4:15 - 5:45pm	(Mike)
8.	Tues:	Girls ages 12-14	6:00 - 7:30pm	(Angie)
8.	*Tues:	Coed ages 15-18	6:45 - 8:15pm	(Mike)
9.	Wed:	Grades 1,2,3	4:15 - 5:45pm	(Lisa)
10.	Wed:	Grades 4,5,6	4:15 - 5:45pm	(Mike)

Group Location #2: Southwest Littleton
West Bowles Community Church 12325 W. Bowles Ave.
Littleton, CO 80127

1.	Tues:	Grades 4,5,6	4:15 - 5:45pm	(Lisa)
2.	*Tues:	PreK/KG	4:15 - 5:15pm	(Julie)
3.	Wed:	Boys ages 12-14	4:15 - 5:45pm	(Jim)
4.	Thurs:	Grades 1,2,3	4:15 - 5:45pm	(Lisa)

Group Location #3: East Central Denver
Jewish Community Center, 350 S. Dahlia St.
Denver, CO 80246

1.	Sunday	Grades 1,2,3	10:00-11:30am	(Cindy)
2.	Sunday	Grades 4,5,6	12:00 - 1:30pm	(Cindy)

*These are on-going groups.

For information about our *CONNECT* training program, please visit our website:
www.connect-groups.com
or call: 303.756.4924 ext. 6.

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